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WEEKLY RECAP

- Gov't Funding** Congress has until midnight, Feb. 15 to pass the remaining 7 spending bills in order to avoid a partial government shut down. Congress has already funded roughly 75% of the federal government through September 2019. The bills that need approval would fund the EPA, the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Homeland Security, Interior, State, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, as well as several other agencies.
- Nominations** On Tuesday, February 5th, Acting Administrator Wheeler's nomination was voted out of committee by a vote of 11-10.
- Acting Administrator Wheeler spoke with Senator Kennedy (R-LA) regarding his nomination on Friday, February 8th.
- Hearings** On Wednesday, February 6th the House Appropriations Interior-Environment subcommittee held a hearing on "A Review of Agency Spending Restrictions During a Shutdown." More information can be found [HERE](#).
- On Wednesday, February 6th the House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee held a hearing on "Addressing the Environmental and Economic Effects of Climate Change." More information can be found [HERE](#).
- On Wednesday, February 6th, the House Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on "Climate Change: Impacts and the Need to Act." More information can be found [HERE](#).
- Meetings** Acting Administrator Wheeler met with Senator Duckworth (D-IL) regarding EtO on Monday, February 4th.
- Acting Administrator Wheeler had an introductory meeting with Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee Ranking Member David Joyce on Thursday, February 7th.
- Acting Administrator Wheeler spoke with Senator Durbin (D-IL) regarding EtO on Friday, February 8th.
- EPA officials from the Office of Water, Office of General Counsel, office of Intergovernmental Relations and Region IX met with the Friant (CA) Water Authority regarding the San Joaquin Delta and the proposed water quality standards on Tuesday, February 5th.



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Super Bowl The New England Patriots won their 6th championship since 2001 and 2nd in three years. In doing so, Tom Brady cemented his status as the GOAT and the Patriots confirmed their status as the greatest dynasty in NFL history.

LOOK-A-HEAD

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

STORIES OF INTEREST

CONGRESS:

- Senate committee approves Andrew Wheeler to succeed Scott Pruitt at EPA [Link](#)
- Green New Deal will cost nearly \$5T to the US economy, Fmr. EPA official says [Link](#)